



IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA
FLORENCE DIVISION

ANSON MCNEIL, JR.,
Plaintiff,

vs.

OFC SMITH and OFC DONALD R.
SNYDER,
Defendants.

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Civil Action No. 4:18-02348-MGL

**ORDER ADOPTING THE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION,
DENYING PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR A MORE DEFINITE RULING,
GRANTING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO SET ASIDE DEFAULT,
AND IMPOSING SANCTIONS ON DEFENDANTS**

Plaintiff Anson McNeil, Jr. (McNeil), proceeding pro se, filed this action against Defendants OFC Smith (Smith) and OFC Donald R. Snyder (Snyder) (collectively, Defendants) under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 alleging violations of his constitutional rights. This matter is before the Court for review of the Report and Recommendation (Report) of the United States Magistrate Judge recommending McNeil's motion for a more definite ruling be denied, Defendants' motion to set aside default be granted, and sanctions be imposed on Defendants. The Report was made in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 636 and Local Civil Rule 73.02 for the District of South Carolina.

The Magistrate Judge makes only a recommendation to this Court. The recommendation has no presumptive weight. The responsibility to make a final determination remains with the Court. *Mathews v. Weber*, 423 U.S. 261, 270 (1976). The Court is charged with making a *de novo*

determination of those portions of the Report to which specific objection is made, and the Court may accept, reject, or modify, in whole or in part, the recommendation of the Magistrate Judge or recommit the matter with instructions. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1).

The Magistrate Judge filed the Report on April 6, 2020. To date, both McNeil and Defendants have failed to file any objections. “[I]n the absence of a timely filed objection, a district court need not conduct a de novo review, but instead must ‘only satisfy itself that there is no clear error on the face of the record in order to accept the recommendation.’” *Diamond v. Colonial Life & Acc. Ins. Co.*, 416 F.3d 310, 315 (4th Cir. 2005) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 72 advisory committee’s note). Moreover, a failure to object waives appellate review. *Wright v. Collins*, 766 F.2d 841, 845-46 (4th Cir. 1985).

After a thorough review of the Report and the record in this case pursuant to the standard set forth above, the Court adopts the Report and incorporates it herein. Therefore, it is the judgment of the Court McNeil’s motion for a more definite ruling is **DENIED** and Defendants’ motion to set aside default is **GRANTED**. Further, the Court imposes lesser sanctions of \$125 on each of Smith and Snyder.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed this 27th day of April 2020 in Columbia, South Carolina.

s/ Mary Geiger Lewis
MARY GEIGER LEWIS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

The parties are hereby notified of the right to appeal this Order within thirty days from the date hereof, pursuant to Rules 3 and 4 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.